

Shawnee State at a Glance

- Shawnee State is a student-focused public university offering your student the personal attention he or she needs to be successful.
- Shawnee State offers a highly affordable and accessible education.
- Located in rural southern Ohio, Shawnee State's new, beautiful campus is part of a small, safe community.
- Shawnee State is the best academic value in Ohio – and beyond – with outstanding, high quality programs combined with affordable tuition.
- Shawnee State is focused on your student's future and is dedicated to the exploration of emerging technologies and emerging ideas.
- At Shawnee State, your student's success is our mission.

Shawnee State University

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A Parent's Guide to College





What should we consider before we apply to a college?

Many students want to investigate the following characteristics before they apply to Shawnee State University:

- The majors and degrees we offer.
- Our cost, location, and size.
- The academic support services we offer (tutoring, help labs, etc.).
- Clubs and organizations (we encourage our students to get involved).
- Student activities (the social life at SSU).
- The Career Services Office (they help our students get jobs upon graduation).
- Financial aid and scholarship requirements.
- Visiting the campus.

Our web site, www.shawnee.edu, offers in-depth information about these and many other topics. We invite you and your student to explore SSU online.

How do we apply?

Students can apply for admission to Shawnee State through our web site, www.shawnee.edu, or they can submit a paper application.

(If you have this brochure, your student should have already received an application for admission in the mail or has already applied.)

- Your student should submit the application for admission to the Office of Admission at Shawnee State University.
- Your student should ask their high school guidance counselor to send a copy of their transcript, along with ACT or SAT results.
- If your student hasn't taken the ACT or SAT, they should ask their counselor for a registration packet and plan on taking the next available test.

Sending a child to college is an exciting time, filled with promise for the future. At the same time, the process can be overwhelming for parents, especially for those of you who are college-hunting for the first time.

We want to help you understand and enjoy the process at Shawnee State University. This Parent's Guide is designed to help answer some commonly-asked questions and to get you and your student off to an outstanding start.

Please contact me or any member of the admission staff whenever further questions or concerns arise. We are here to help.

Sincerely,

*Robert J. Trusz
Director of Admission*

While admission to Shawnee State University is open, it is important to know that the programs in health science require an additional application and are selective in admission and limited in enrollment. These programs require specific academic preparation in high school and minimum GPA and ACT scores. All programs have strictly enforced deadlines. Students interested in one of the health science programs should contact our health science representative at 740-351-3209 for detailed requirements.

What financial aid is available at SSU?

Two different types of financial aid are available to students at Shawnee State University.

Need-based aid which is based on a variety of factors, including your income and assets, as well as the student’s income and assets.

Merit-based aid which is based on your student’s academic and individual achievement.

More than 90% of Shawnee State University students receive some sort of financial assistance.

Need-Based Aid

Shawnee State participates in the full array of federal and state programs, including the Pell Grant, the Supplemental Opportunity Educational Grant (SEOG), the Ohio College Opportunities Grant (OCOG), several different loan programs, Federal Work-Study (FWS), and campus based employment programs.

Merit-Based Aid

Shawnee State University is pleased and proud to be able to offer more than 200 scholarships, provided through the generosity of donors and administered through the

SSU Development Foundation and the Scioto County Area Foundation. It is important that students submit the SSU Scholarship Application by February 15, 2012 to be fully considered for these donor-funded scholarships. This application can be found on our web site between September, 2011 and the deadline date of February 15, 2012.

Shawnee State University recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement through a merit-based scholarship program. The University offers two levels of academic scholarship – the President’s Scholarship and the University Professor’s Scholarship.

The President’s Scholarship is awarded to new freshman students who have achieved a composite score of 26 or higher on the ACT or 1170 or higher on the SAT and have a high school grade point average* of at least 3.8 (4.0 scale). The President’s Scholarship is full in-state tuition (less state grants) and renewable for seven semesters provided the student meets certain SSU grade point average and academic progress requirements.

The University Professor’s Scholarship, for new freshman students, is also based on the student’s ACT/SAT composite score* and high school grade point average*. The amounts of this scholarship vary from \$500 to one-half the amount of in-state tuition. The University Professor’s Scholarship is also renewable, based on the SSU grade point average and academic progress. The following chart outlines this scholarship program:

		Cumulative Grade Point Average			
		3.8 - 4.0	3.6 - 3.79	3.3 - 3.59	3.0 - 3.29
Composite Scores	ACT 26+ or SAT 1170+	President's Scholarship	½ In-State Tuition	2000	1500
	ACT 25 or SAT 1030-1160	½ In-State Tuition	½ In-State Tuition	2000	1500
	ACT 23/24 or SAT 1060-1120	2000	1500	1500	1000
	ACT 21/22 or SAT 980-1050	1500	1000	1000	750
	ACT 20 or SAT 940-970	1000	750	500	500

For example, a student has an ACT composite of 23 and a cumulative high school grade point average of 3.62. This student would receive the University Professor’s Scholarship in the amount of \$1500.

Shawnee State University encourages all students to file the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** if they wish to be considered for any need or merit-based aid. (Your student should receive the 2012 – 2013 FAFSA from his or her high school guidance counselor in December 2011 or January 2012). You should consider filing the FAFSA as soon after January 1, 2012 as possible. Shawnee State University encourages an electronic submission of the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

***The qualifying ACT/SAT score and grade point average must be submitted to the Office of Admission no later than February 15, 2012.**

University Housing

Shawnee State offers a variety of housing options for its residential students. All of our living units are townhouse or apartment-style. Our students prefer these types of living accommodations over the traditional “dorms” which are found at most colleges and universities. We encourage you to include a housing tour during your campus visit.

All freshman students in their first year of attendance are required to live in university assigned housing to the extent that space is available, and to take their meals in the dining facilities as provided in meal plans approved by the University. Exceptions to this policy include married students, single parents, veterans, students over the age of 23, transfer students, students living with parents, and other extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Visiting the Campus

Shawnee State University encourages prospective students and their parents to visit and tour the campus. The Office of Admission is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday visits are available by appointment. The University has scheduled a series of Open House programs during the 2011-2012 academic year. Invitations with detailed information will be sent about a month before each program date.

Getting Started at SSU

Detailed information related to summer orientation and registration will be sent from the Student Success Center to your student on or around May 1, 2012.

Check List

- Apply for admission at Shawnee State University.
- Request that your high school transcript and ACT or SAT results be sent to SSU.
- Submit the Shawnee State University Scholarship application by February 15, 2012.
- Complete and file, electronically, the FAFSA after January 1, 2012.
- Visit Shawnee State University. Take a campus tour and a housing tour.
- Submit your university housing application along with the \$150 deposit.

